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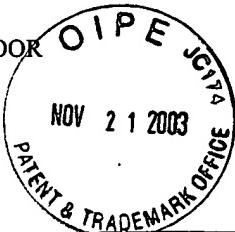
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**TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SOLVING A PROBLEM ARISING DURING A WELDING OPERATION OR THE LIKE**

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